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SUBM: MEETING WITH PAK AMBASSADOR AKHUND

1. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR AKHUND CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SCALI MAY 2 TO LOBBY FOR SC SEAT FOR 1976-77. HE SAID THAT INDIA WAS SEEKING RETURN TO SC AFTER ONLY TWO YEARS ABSENCE, AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION SHOULD HAVE THEIR TURN INSTEAD. PAKISTAN HAD SUPPORTED JAPAN'S CANDIDACY FOR 1975-76 TERM, DESPITE FACT THAT JAPAN HAD BEEN OFF COUNCIL FOR ONLY TWO YEARS, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT JAPAN'S EARLY RETURN DID NOT SET PRECEDENT. AKHUND SAID PAKISTAN WOULD STEP ASIDE IN FAVOR OF IRAN (WHICH HAS NOT SHOWN INTEREST IN SEAT) AND PROBABLY SRI LANKA AS WELL. IF CONTEST DEVOLVES BETWEEN INDIAN AND PAKISTAN, HOWEVER, AKHUND SAID PAKISTAN HAS BETTER CLAIM. AKHUND SAID THAT INDIAN WANTED TRAP-PINGS OF GREAT POWER INCLUDING SEMI-PERMANENT SC SEAT, ATOMIC EXPLOSIVES AND SPACE VEHICLES. HE SAID INDIA HAD JUST SPENT \$6 MILLION TO SEND "PIECE OF JUNK" INTO SPACE ON SOVIET ROCKET AND SOON WOULD EXPLODE SECOND ATOMIC BOMB. HE ASKED
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RHETORICALLY, "WHAT IS PURPOSE OF OCCUPATION OF SKKIM," NOTING

THAT BY TREATY INDIA IS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THAT STATE. AMBASSADOR SCALI SAID AKHUND'S VIEWS WILL BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, AND THAT IN MATTERS SUCH AS SC ELECTIONS WE NORMALLY ARE GUIDED BY DECISION OF REGIONAL GROUP CONCERNED.

2. TURNING TO FORTHCOMING GA, SCALI SAID IT IMPORTANT THAT WE SEEK A MIDDLE WAY. REFERRING TO HAVANA NON-ALIGNED DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL, HE SAID SUSPENDING OR EXPELLING THAT COUNTRY FROM UN WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING MOVE AND WOULD HAVE ENORMOUS REPERCUSSIONS. IF ISRAEL THROWN OUT, US MIGHT HAVE TO RECONSIDER ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATION AND POSSIBLY EVEN ITS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN ASSEMBLY. SCALI AND AKHUND AGREED THAT BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S ECONOMIC IDEAS PRESENTED IN KINGSTON ARE INTERESTING, WITH SCALI SUGGESTING THEY SHOULD BE THRASHED OVER BY EXPERTS. SCALI SAID THAT WILSON SEEMED TO BE CARRYING BALL FOR EEC, BUT THAT HE NOT SPEAKING FOR USG. ON CONTRARY, SCALI SAID US POSITION NOT YET FORMULATED, ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON HARD AT WORK ON IT. SCALI

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